

EXHIBIT A

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

Caption in Compliance with D.N.J. LBR 9004-1(b)

In re:

BLOCKFI INC., *et al.*,

Debtors.

BLOCKFI INC. AS THE WIND DOWN
DEBTORS,

Plaintiff,

v.

ACE AMERICAN INSURANCE
COMPANY, ARCH INSURANCE
COMPANY, AXIS INSURANCE
COMPANY, BERKLEY INSURANCE
COMPANY, BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY
SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY,
ENDURANCE AMERICAN SPECIALTY
INSURANCE COMPANY, NATIONAL
UNION FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY
OF PITTSBURGH, PA, U.S. SPECIALTY
INSURANCE COMPANY, XL
SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY,

Defendants.

Chapter 11

Case No. 22-19361 (MBK)

(Jointly Administered under a Confirmed Plan)

Adv. Proc. No. 24-01067 (MBK)

**JOINT STIPULATION AND AGREED ORDER EXTENDING DEADLINE
TO ANSWER OR OTHERWISE RESPOND TO AMENDED
COMPLAINT AND PROVIDING FOR ACCEPTANCE OF SERVICE THEREOF**

The relief requested on the following pages is hereby ORDERED.

This joint stipulation and agreed order (the “Stipulated Order”) is entered into by and among plaintiff BlockFi Inc., as Wind Down Debtors (the “Plaintiff”), and defendants ACE American Insurance Company, Arch Insurance Company, Axis Insurance Company, Berkley Insurance Company, Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance Company, Endurance American Specialty Insurance Company, National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, PA, U.S. Specialty Insurance Company, and XL Specialty Insurance Company (collectively, the “Defendants” and, together with the Plaintiff, the “Parties”).

WHEREAS, in exchange for the Defendants’ counsel accepting service of the amended complaint on behalf of their respective client(s), the Plaintiff has agreed to extend the deadline for the Defendants to answer or otherwise respond to the Amended Complaint [Dkt. No. 1] (the “Response Deadline”).

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and among the Plaintiff and the Defendants, through their respective counsel, that:

1. The Response Deadline for each of the Defendants is extended to March 25, 2024, without prejudice to each of the Parties’ rights to seek a further extension, subject to approval of the Court.
2. Defendants expressly reserve any and all rights and defenses to the allegations in the Amended Complaint.
3. Counsel to each of the Defendants agrees to accept service of the Amended Complaint on behalf of their respective client(s).
4. This Stipulated Order may be executed in counterparts and each counterpart, when so executed and delivered, shall be deemed an original, and all counterparts, taken together, shall constitute one and the same Stipulated Order.

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